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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 February 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7, 9, 13 and 14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 8, 10-12 and 15-19 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 17 February 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-4,7,9, 13-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being patentable over Davis (USPN 6,045,531).

Davis discloses a catheter comprising a proximal control end a distal delivery end , an elongated intermediate portion therebetween, one delivery lumen 58 or 124, one inflation lumen 62 or 152, one inflation balloon 70 or 160 and a mechanism for injection and aspiration of fluids at the proximal end. Davis shows many elements 64 connected to the proximal end. Davis discloses the delivery lumen to be for infusing or draining and as such, it would be considered to have a combined aspiration or injection port at the proximal end of the lumen. However, Davis is silent to a housing at the proximal end. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the medical arts to combine all these elements into one housing in order to provide a compact and non-bulky control end as one in the medical art would so desire.

With respect to claims 3-4 and 7, Davis is silent to the axial length , the cross sectional area and the internal diameter of the inflation lumen. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the size parameters as claimed as a mere design choice lacking any criticality of size. Further, the parameters are deemed

as being merely preferable for the intended target area depending on the size of the patient where the only difference between the prior art and the claims was a recitation of relative dimensions of the claimed device and a device having the claimed relative dimensions would not perform differently than the prior art device, the claimed device is not patentably distinct from the prior art.

Claims 5-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Davis (USPN 6,045,531) in view of Coleman et al. (USPN 5,928,181).

Davis discloses the invention as substantially claimed. See above. However, Davis is silent to a hydrophilic/heparin coating on the internal or external surface of the delivery lumen. Coleman discloses a cardiac by catheter that is used in the blood system that is coated with heparin on the external or internal surface of the catheter to prevent clotting to the surface. (Heparin is known to be very hydrophilic). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the internal or external surface of the Davis' catheter with a heparin coating as taught by Coleman et al. in order to provide thrombus from forming.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 8, 10-12,15-19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LoAn H. Thanh whose telephone number is (571) 272-4966. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. - Fri. (First Friday off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nick Lucchesi can be reached on (571) 272-4977. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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